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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first paragraph of page 1 of the specification and insert therefor:

The present application claims priority to and is a divisional application of copending application U.S. Serial No. 08/988,725, now U.S. Patent No. 6,165,211, filed December 11, 1997, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent No. 5,788,626 filed November 18, 1996, which claims priority to provisional application No. 60/007,435, filed November 21, 1995.

Please delete the first paragraph of page 3 of the specification and insert therefore:

In sum, the present invention relates to an expandable prosthesis having (a) a discontinuous wall defining a lumen adapted to assume a longitudinally contracted position and a longitudinally expanded position; and (b) at least one layer of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene having a first average longitudinal inter-nodule distance in a free state, the layer of polytetrafluoroethylene affixed to the wall such that it has a second average longitudinal inter-nodule distance when the wall is in the longitudinally contracted position, the second average longitudinal inter-nodule distance being less than the first average longitudinal inter-nodule distance. The layer of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene may have (i) an average longitudinal inter-nodule distance of between about 0 and about 50 microns, preferably between about 5 and about 45 or between about 20 and about 30 microns, when the wall is in the longitudinally contracted position, and (ii) an average longitudinal inter-nodule distance of between about 50 and about 150 microns, preferably between about 60 and about 140 or between 80 and about 120 microns, when the wall is in the longitudinally expanded position.